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August 1, 1997


Ms. Courtney M. Price
Vice President, CHEMISTAR
Chemical Manufacturers Association
1300 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Ms. Price:

In your letter of 31, July, 1997 you expressed concern that the Hydrogen Fluoride Panel and the HF HAPs Group may have difficulty responding to EPA's July 31, 1997 response to the Panel's ECA proposal by July 31, 1997. EPA understands that the Panel may need some additional time to complete their response owing to the technical nature of the issues involved with this proposal and the impact of vacation schedules during the month of August. By this letter I am extending the period for your response to September 3, 1997.

Please note that I have not extended this period to coincide with the close of the comment period for the proposed HAPs test rule because EPA is eager to move ahead with ECA discussions as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this extension or the ECA process please contact Richard Leukroth at (202)260-0321.

Sincerely,


for Charles M. Auer, Director
Chemical Control Division

cc: Elizabeth Festa Watson
Richard W. Leukroth, Jr.



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